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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION**

ERIC WAYNE BENNETT,

Petitioner,

v.

TRAVIS PENNINGTON, Warden,

Respondent.

No. CV 18-07524-MWF

DEATH PENALTY CASE

**PETITIONER'S STATUS REPORT ON
STATE EXHAUSTION PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to this Court's Order (Dkt. 31), Petitioner Eric Wayne Bennett, by and through counsel, hereby notifies the Court of the status of his state habeas proceedings.

On April 26, 2021, Bennett filed his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the California Supreme Court, *In re Bennett*, case no S26844. On May 26, 2021, the California Supreme Court transferred the case to the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, pursuant to California Penal Code section 1509.

1 The case was assigned to Judge Patrick H. Donahue, *In re Bennett*, case no. HC 66-
2 00013. The superior court scheduled a status conference for November 14, 2025. The
3 petition remains pending.

4 Respectfully submitted,
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